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The former Japanese Ambassador to Rome, Eiji AMAU, who has been appointed Vice Foreign Minister and who became known as spokesman of the Foreign Ministry through the "AMAU Declaration" (Munroe Doctrine for Eastern questions) which he made in April 1934 is a Nationalistic Representative of Japanese "Grossram" /expansion/ policy. Since he returned from Rome from where he was recalled during the transfers which were carried out by MATSUOKA, he has not been politically active. He is considered an enemy of Soviet Russia and has stated repeatedly that the interests of Germany, Italy and of Japan are parallel. It is true, however, that he made some strongly opportunistic statements after the conclusion of the German-Russia Treaty in 1939.

SHIRATORI who was succeeded by AMAU as Ambassador to Rome made some not very positive remarks about his character.

/s/ OTT

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/T.N. in handwriting/  
J.A.P.R.

AFFIDAVIT

I, W. P. Cumming, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. That I am an Attache of the United States Department of State on the Staff of the United States Political Adviser on German Affairs, and as such I am a representative of the Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.). That in my capacity as above set forth, I have in my possession, custody, and control at the Berlin Documents Center, Berlin, Germany, the original captured German Foreign Office files and archives.

2. That said original Foreign Office files and archives were captured and obtained by military forces under the command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and upon their seizure and capture were first assembled by said military forces at a Military Document Center at Marburg, Germany, and were later moved by authorized personnel of said Allied forces to said central documents center, above referred to, and known as the Berlin Documents Center.

3. That I was assigned to said document center at Marburg, Germany, on August 15, 1945; and said captured German Foreign Office files and archives first came into my possession and control while I was stationed at Marburg, Germany, and that thereafter the same have continued in my possession and custody and under my control.

4. That the document to which this affidavit is attached is a true and correct photostatic copy of an original German Foreign Office document which was captured from said German Foreign Office files and archives, and which came into my possession and custody and under my control in the manner above set forth.

5. That said original document, of which the attached is a photostatic copy, is being held and retained by me in order that it may be examined and inspected by various interested agencies, and a photostatic copy of said original is hereby furnished and certified to because of the unavailability of said original for the reasons above set forth.

/s/ W. P. Cumming  
W. P. CUMMING

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 1946.

/s/ G. H. Garde  
G. H. GARDE  
Lt. Colonel, AGD  
Acting Adjutant General

Office of Military  
Government for Germany (U.S.)